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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: MBFR: WORKING GROUP STUDY OF FORCE DEFINITION EXCLUSIONS

REF: (A) 76 STATE 257157 (DTG: 090019Z NOV 76); (B) 76 STATE 61106
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1. THE MBFR WORKING GROUP, AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE, ISSUED
ITS FINAL REPORT ON FORCE DEFINITION EXCLUSIONS ON
NOVEMBER 19, 1976 (AC/276-D (76) 3). US CONCURRENCE IN
THE REPORT WAS BY REF A.

2. THE SPC MANDATE FOR THIS MBFR WORKING GROUP STUDY
WAS THE MANDATE PROPOSED BY THE U.S. IN PARAS 4-5, REF B,
WHICH PROVIDED THAT THE REPORT WAS TO BE PREPARED
"FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE
AND, EVENTUALLY, FOR THE INTERNAL USE OF THE AD HOC
GROUP ONLY."

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3. ALTHOUGH THE WORKING GROUP REPORT IS UNOFFICIALLY AVAILABLE
IN VIENNA THROUGH NATIONAL DELEGATIONS, THE QUESTION
NOW ARISES OF SPC DISPOSITION OF THE
REPORT. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPC WILL RAISE THIS
QUESTION AT THE SPC MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE WILL ASK WHAT DELEGATIONS WOULD
LIKE TO DO REGARDING THIS REPORT. HE MAY SUGGEST
THAT THE SPC AGREE THAT THE WORKING GROUP REPORT IS
NOW AVAILABLE TO THE AHG FOR ITS INTERNAL USE ONLY.

4. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE WOULD PLAN TO GO ALONG WITH SUCH A SUGGESTION AT THE JANUARY 10 SPC MEETING. IF THERE WERE SOME SENTIMENT IN THE SPC FOR BRIEF NAC GUIDANCE OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATING THE REPORT TO THE AD HOC GROUP FOR ITS INTERNAL USE ONLY, WE ASSUME THIS COURSE WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE. IF WASHINGTON HAS ANY PARTICULAR COMMENT ON THE WORKING GROUP REPORT WHICH IT WISHES US TO MAKE IN SPC, WE COULD EITHER MAKE SUCH COMMENT IN THE SPC MEETING JANUARY 10, OR AT A LATER SPC MEETING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY COMMENT WASHINGTON MIGHT WISH TO MAKE, IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE. STRAUZ-HUPE

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